

for our government, for the institutions of democracy that make this country such a great place. Your responsibility, having completed this year as pages, is not to be elected to office, though there will be some of you that will be elected. I will guarantee somebody in this class that will be serving some day in the House of Representatives or the United States Senate, and others of you will serve in State legislatures and city councils and school boards, other kinds of equally important tasks in life. Your job is not to be elected and your job is not to make as much money as Bill Gates; very few of us could ever hope to accomplish that. But your job is to serve, to serve your community, your country, your family in the best way possible. You have been given a great opportunity, and I know that each and every one of you will make the very most of this opportunity.

So I hope that you will go out from here and help others understand what our government is about, and how wonderful it is, because these institutions of democracy, for all of their failings, is still the very best that we have been able to devise. You have done us a great service during this last year. Sometimes we do not even realize how the work of the House of Representatives depends on what you are doing every day, and it becomes a part of us, and yet you are so important to the operation of this House. So we will miss you. On Monday there will be a new batch of pages in here, and we will all be busy trying to orient them and get to know them. But we will miss you, and we hope that you will stay in touch with us and with others that you have gotten to know back here; and we look forward to the great service that you will be providing for your country in whatever capacity that might be, and there will be very many different kinds of things.

At this point, Mr. Speaker, I will enter into the RECORD a list of all of the pages.

Max Abbott  
Dominic Adams  
Sarah Baca  
Thomas Bazan  
Christopher Bower  
Geoffrey Brown  
Diane Bruner  
Michael Buck  
Eric Cercone  
Adam Cheatham  
Christopher Clark  
David Cook  
Andrew D'Anna  
Ashley Daugherty  
Ashley Foster  
Katherine Fortune  
Kara Frank  
Amy Gaddis  
Adam Gellman  
Dana Hall  
Kristopher Hart  
Laura Heaton  
Androni Henry  
Rebecca Hoffman  
William Hooper  
Jay Kanterman  
James Kelley  
Stevens Kelly

Susanna Khalil  
Jule Kolbe  
Julia Koplewski  
David Kroontje and  
Adam Kwasman  
Ray LaHoud  
Andrew Lerch  
Yun Hsin (Amy) Leung  
Brad Lyman  
Alison Lowery  
Renee Mack  
Megan Marshburn  
Jeffrey Mannion  
Marcella Martinez  
Lindsay Moon  
Clinton Morris  
Nancy Nicolas  
Casey Osterkamp  
Parker Payne  
Ashley Percy  
Christopher Perr  
Jessica Porras  
Tessa Powell  
Lindsey Ransdell  
Jennifer Reed  
Moriah Reed  
A.J. Rosenfeld  
Chase Rowan  
Danielle Ruse  
David Schweinfurth  
Samuel Sinkin  
Megan Smith  
Nouvelle Stubbs  
Erin Sweeney  
Christine Tancinco  
Anika Tank  
Margaret Theobald  
Lindsay Thomson  
Amber Walker  
Lauren Weeth  
Julie Wise and  
Jessica Wood.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I would, in conclusion, also just like to mention my own page, as others have done, Adam Cheatham from Tucson. He has been a great page this last year and has become a great friend of mine, but each and every one of you have become great friends of mine. Some I have gotten to know, obviously, better than others. But I admire what you have done, we appreciate the service, we thank you for that, and we wish you Godspeed. Thank you.

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#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

#### REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER FOUNDATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 629(b) and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, the Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Federal Judicial Center Foundation for a 5-year term:

Mr. Benjamin Zelenko of Maryland.

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF FIRST FLIGHT CENTENNIAL FEDERAL ADVISORY BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, pursuant to section 12(b)(1) of the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143) and upon the recommendation of the minority leader, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following citizen on the part of the House to the First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board:

Ms. Mary Mathews of Ohio.

There was no objection.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, on April 12, I led an hour of debate on the topic of prescription drug coverage for senior citizens. I read three letters from around the state from seniors who shared their personal stories. On the 12th, I made a commitment to continue to read a different letter every week until the House enacts reform. This week I will read a letter from Julia Kanopsky of Livonia Michigan.

In conjunction with Mother's Day, the Older Women's League (OWL) published a report entitled, "Prescription for Change: Why women need a Medicare Drug Benefit." The report describes the special problems older women face in obtaining prescriptions.

More than one in three women on Medicare lack prescription drug coverage.

In 1997, 2.6 million women on Medicare spent more than \$1200 a year on their medications and another 2.4 million women spent between \$612 and \$1200 a year on pharmaceuticals therapies.

The high costs of prescription drugs are especially hard on older women, most of whom live on fixed incomes. More than half of women age 65 and over have personal annual incomes of less than \$10,000 a year and three out of four have incomes under \$15,000.

On average, women's overall out-of-pocket spending for prescription drugs is higher than